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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S DIET FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

SUMMARY: FONMIN MIYAZAWA SPEECH TO OPENING OF DIET JAN 24 CALLED FOR DIVERSIFIED DIPLOMACY TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COMMUNISTS, WHILE MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED STATES AS CORNERSTONE OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY. CONSIDERED PRO FORMA BY DRAFTERS AND AUDIENCE, AS WELL AS MAN WHO DELIVERED IT, SPEECH IS USEFUL MAINLY AS COMPENDIUM OF CURRENT GOJ PUBLIC POSITIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN MIYAZAWA'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH TO DIET ON JAN 24 HAD SOMETHING IN IT FOR EVERYONE. FOR US, HE PLEDGED "CEASELESS DIALOGUE" TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS FOUNDATION OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY AND PROMOTE SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE PROMISED EFFORTS TO EXPAND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ROK, WHICH REMAINS AS IMPORTANT TO JAPAN AS EVER DESPITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS OF PAST YEAR OR SO". FOR THE PRC,

JAPAN WILL ASSERT POSITIVE EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE FISHERIES AND PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY IN FURTHERANCE OF 1972 JOINT COMMUNIQUE. /WORKING RELATIONS" WITH TAIWAN, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE UNCHANGED. JAPAN WILL PROMOTE INCREASED TRADE, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGES WITH SOVIET UNION, THOUGH STABILITY OF XXSK RELATIONSHIP DEPENDS IN LONG RUN ON SOLUTION OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE.

2. FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCERS WILL RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY FROM GOJ, WHILE ENERGY CONSUMERS CAN EXPECT COOPERATION IN STUDYING OIL AND ENERGY PROBLEMS IN IEA, AND IN FACILITATING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. JAPAN HOPES FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST ON "CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC" BASIS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND ECONOMIC TIES WITH AREA. MIYAZAWA PROMISED "STRENUOUS EFFORTS" TO IMPROVE BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF JAPANESE AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FINALLY, JAPAN'S TRADITIONALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE AND BROADEN POLITICALLY.

3. COMMENT: FONOFF PLANNING DIVISION SPEECHWRITERS DESCRIBED MIYAZAWA ADDRESS AS CUT AND PASTE COMPILATION OF POSITIONS CONTRIBUTED FROM VARIOUS FONOFF BUREAUS. THEY NOTE THAT MIYAZAWA DELIVERED THE 5,200-WORD DOCUMENT IN 18 MINUTES, WRYLY REGARDING THIS AS SOMETHING OF SPEED RECORD. EMBOFFS COVERING DIET OPENING NOTED FAIRLY SIZEABLE PORTION OF AUDIENCE ASLEEP DURING PRESENTATION.

4. AT BEST, MIYAZAWA'S SPEECH REPRESENTS USEFUL COMPENDIUM OF SAFE PUBLIC POSITIONS TO TAKE ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. THE OCCASION CALLED FOR A FORMAL TOUR D'HORIZON AND THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER MADE SURE THAT HE PROVIDED DIET CRITICS WITH NOTHING TO SHOOT AT.
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